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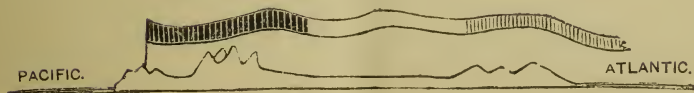
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NOTE BY THE TRANSLATOR.

A few words and phrases of this interesting production have been left untranslated. These are generally well known by English speaking people.

But for the information of some who may not understand, it may be well to say that :

“ Les perfides Anglais ” means The treacherous English.

“ Nous verrons ” : Time will show.

“ En bon accord ” : In a friendly spirit.

“ Insouciance ” : Profound indifference.

TO THE EDITOR
OF THE
“TRICOLOR FLAG,”
MONTREAL.

SIR,

At a time when the great uprising of our people calls for wise and firm direction, I venture to submit a programme for consideration by the Parti National :

God has committed to us the glorious mission of extending the French name, fame, and race, until it again has the domination of this Continent.

It is for us to organize to attain this end. The time has come for a Programme.

We have hitherto been timid and vacillating. We have had regard to the feelings, the sentiments, and the rights of others than ourselves.

HENCE OUR WEAKNESS !

The time has come to throw such consideration to the winds. A bold and outspoken manifestation of our ultimate purpose is the duty of the hour.

WHY SHOULD WE FEAR TO DECLARE IT ?

Let us leave the prudent, the half-hearted, and the timid to their own devices. It is for us to initiate a bold and uncompromising policy—a policy, in fact, *à la Napoleon*. Let craven spirits amongst us be content with justice and equality. We of the advanced party will steadily contend for domination and supremacy.

These sentiments will doubtless be considered too advanced by some, and their publication premature.

But they coincide with the principles and ideas which have long been so brilliantly advocated in the TRICOLOR. And they will, when proclaimed, find an echo and answer in the breasts of thousands of our countrymen.

They are thorough. They are outspoken. They are for the time.

Two manifestations are now calling for our allegiance as Frenchmen : There is the party of 'thorough' and supremacy, and there is the party of moderation and equality.

I need not say that I belong to the first.

'Thorough' or Ultra : this is my motto. And it should be the motto of all Frenchmen who aim to fulfil the great mission of our race in this country.

This great principle has been the guiding star of those benevolent instructors who have educated our Canadian youth for the last generation. This has led to all the marvellous triumphs of their history.

And if the same principle has led also to their humiliation and downfall in every country where they have been established, it was not the principle that was to blame, but the perversity of a misguided and unbelieving people.

Let us imitate our great instructors.

Let us put aside henceforth the miserable counsels of peace, of moderation, of a cowardly goodwill to our natural enemies.

If, like our instructors, we carry out our principles with an unflinching firmness, we shall doubtless, like them, have a brilliant triumph.

And if our triumph be succeeded, as theirs invariably has been, by the downfall and ruin of our cause, we shall at any rate have the proud satisfaction of having for once, at least, lifted up the French flag, the French cause, the French name, above every other flag, name, and cause on this Continent !

But we will take the risk of the downfall. It may not come in our time. Those who come after may be involved in it. Meantime, the glory, the exultation, the victory will be ours !

Cherishing, as I do, these sentiments from the bottom of my heart, I beg to submit the accompanying Manifesto for the consideration of the party.

A YOUNG ENTHUSIAST.

REMARKS BY THE EDITOR.

The programme, submitted hereafter, by our enthusiastic young friend is a brilliant suggestion. It is so strong, so rose-colored, so thorough! Its ring is unmistakable. It is delightful to find such enthusiasm amongst the younger race of Frenchmen. It inspires us with ardent hope for the future, and ensures the accomplishment of our dearest hopes and aspirations.

It is, however, a question whether the time has come to speak so plainly. A little reserve may be prudent at present. The policy of the great and good instructors he names should be remembered. While thorough, they were discreet. They have never been equalled in the art of concealing their intentions.

If our enemies, *les perfides Anglais*, were to become acquainted with this programme, they would be put upon their guard. Therefore let us be discreet as well as bold.

But we can inculcate the principles of the programme, with never-ceasing attention and perseverance. Let us make them known by private circulation until the times are ripe for a public announcement.

The press can do much. So can schools and colleges. But judiciously. The Church may possibly be relied on for co-operation. But here we pause. The ground is *dangerous*!

Nous verrons.

At any rate this programme is worthy of study. It will make a distinct line of cleavage amongst us.

There are Frenchmen and Frenchmen. There are the peaceable, the moderate, and those who think themselves far-seeing and wise. These doubtless form the large majority of our countrymen.

They are content with being on an equal footing with their neighbours, and desire to live *en bon accord* with them. But what of that?

Against these we put such fiery, restless, and ambitious spirits as the author of this programme. These have always been the glory of our race. These, though constantly persecuted, constantly push on to victory or death.

It is to this class that we are proud to belong. The TRICOLOR is no tame and craven sheet. Amidst storms of persecution it has held on its way.

And the flag shall fly some day over the Citadel of Quebec, over the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, over the Government house in Toronto, over the Citadel in Halifax, over the Legislative Halls of the far North-West, over the Pacific Ocean, and in time, over the Capitol at Washington !

GLORIOUS PROSPECT !

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While gazing on it we forget our caution. We cast our prudence behind us. IT MUST AND SHALL BE REALIZED, EVEN SHOULD EVERY FRENCHMAN IN CANADA PERISH IN THE ATTEMPT !

And the programme shall be *printed*. Yes it shall, and we will endorse every word of it.

THE EDITOR.



1885.

MANIFESTO!

PARTI NATIONAL!

WHEREAS IT IS INDISPUTABLE :

That the French race is the first in the world,

First in Arts,

First in Arms,

First in Civilization,

First in defence of the true religion,

IT THEREFORE FOLLOWS :

That wherever they exist, they have the right to rule, and to impose their ideas on less cultivated peoples.

Peaceably if they can, forcibly if they must !

IT IS FURTHER INDISPUTABLE :

That in carrying out this just and beneficent intention, the French nation and race have been for many centuries subjected to incessant and shameful persecutions on both sides of the Atlantic :—

FOR EXAMPLE :

Not to speak of persecutions in former reigns, when the blood of innocent French soldiers was being shed on various battlefields in Continental Europe by ruthless and barbarous foes,

WE WILL MENTION :

The persecution suffered in the reign of Louis XV. by Voltaire, and the Encyclopædists, at the hands of bigoted and blood-thirsty believers in Christianity, in England, and other foreign countries ;

ALSO :

The persecutions showered, by murderous fanatics, on Robespierre, Danton, and their noble associates, when contending, amidst blood and slaughter, for the fraternity and liberty of the human race ;

AND, SPECIALLY :

The long series of persecutions suffered by Napoleon I. at the hands of various European nations, when he took the lead of France, and benevolently sought, by force of arms, to subjugate these nations to her advanced ideas.

IN PARTICULAR :

The persecution of England, in driving French fleets from the seas, and French arms from Spain.

The persecution of Russia in fanatically driving back the benevolent French army that came to fraternize with her at Moscow, exposing it, thereby, to the horrors of a retreat in winter.

The persecution of the combined Powers, in marching on the beloved capital of our race, and occupying Paris with hordes of barbarians !!

Not to mention other instances,

FINALLY,

The wicked, shameful, base, nefarious, and never-to-be-forgotten persecution which broke out against the great Emperor, on his return from Elba, and culminated in the unprovoked and wicked massacre of Waterloo !!!

Here let us pause awhile, to reflect upon the wicked plotting which succeeded the downfall of our hero, and which continued under several reigns, disguised under insidious friendships, and perfidious alliances.

But Persecution, at length, broke out openly, and we proceed with the shameful recital, mentioning, amongst other instances :

The Persecution of the whole French nation, when England gave an asylum to an expelled French King, Louis Phillippe.

The many Persecutions suffered during a long and beneficent reign by the successor to the name and fame of the great Napoleon :

FOR, AS IS WELL KNOWN :

Napoleon III., following the example of his great predecessor, sought to impose the will of France on the nations of Europe, viz., on Prussia, on Austria, on Russia, for the highest purposes of civilization and the Christian religion.

But his good intentions were constantly thwarted by the ignorant and brutal fanaticism of the inferior races of Central Europe—beer-swilling Prussians, Bavarians and the like, who never ceased to worry and persecute France, by refusing to accept her ideas, and obstinately clinging to their own.

FINALLY:

On his taking up arms to coerce these savages, by occupying their territory, they turned upon him with incredible and barbarous ferocity, and compelled him to retrace his steps.

NAY:

Their persecuting bloodthirstiness was not satisfied with this ! They pursued the armies of France over her sacred and holy soil, shed oceans of blood, captured fortresses and armies, and, finally, wrung from our fallen chieftain, the dreadful capitulation of Sedan!!!!

Then, Frenchmen all over the world, held up their hands in holy horror, and prayed that the eyes of the blind and bloody persecutors of our race might be opened !

But, their thirst for slaughter was not yet appeased. Their persecuting instinct was not satisfied even with this.

THEY LAID SIEGE TO PARIS !

THEY CAPTURED IT !

Then was extinguished, for a time, by ruthless hordes of Goths and Vandals, the light of civilization, of Art, of Literature, of Fashion, of Science, and of Religion !

FINALLY :

They tore from our beloved Mother two of her precious provinces, and cruelly despoiled her of thousands of millions of money.

Thus has France sent forth her armies of martyrs to religion and civilization, and their blood has moistened the battle-fields of every country of Continental Europe.

BUT,

As the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church, so doubtless will the light of French art (especially certain developments of it), French literature (novels in particular), French Socialism, and French Equality and Fraternity, ultimately through these sacrifices penetrate the darkness that shrouds the half-civilized portions of Europe (particularly England and Germany) and introduce a higher, purer, and better day.

Then France will be Avenged.

AVENGED !!

CONSIDERING FURTHER,

That the same incessant spirit of persecution has followed our race on this Continent ;—namely :

The persecution by which, after the fortunes of war had given Quebec to England, she persisted in retaining it, and barbarously conquering the whole country.

The persecution suffered by our fathers when such western centres of French enlightenment as Fort Frontenac, Fort Niagara and Fort Detroit, were torn from the dominion of a civilized power like France, and delivered over to the brutal barbarians of the race of Vandals that drove us from the heights of Quebec.

The persecutions by which Englishmen have covered Canada with commercial enterprises of their own,—canals, railways, factories, lines of steamers, banks, ships, mercantile houses, thus compelling large numbers of French citizens to learn a foreign language in order to obtain a livelihood.

The persecution by which the Government of the country is carried on according to English ideas and precedents, thus introducing a base style of constitutional liberty, instead of the paternal and irresponsible *regime* of Intendants and Governors sent from our dear mother France, to which our ancestors were accustomed.

The recent and still burning persecution by which the poorer portion of the population of Montreal were compelled to adopt a preventive for small-pox against their most cherished convictions, habits, and traditions, the said preventive being of foreign origin, and naturalized amongst our deadliest enemies, England and Germany.

FINALLY :

With what language can we clothe our horror, our detestation, our indignation, our burning sense of wrong, of foul oppression, of deliberate and wicked *malice prepense*, involved in the cowardly, the base, the bloody, the barbarous, the diabolical

MURDER

of that great Saint, incorruptible Patriot, and Hero Martyr,

LOUIS DAVID RIEL,

the pattern of French valor, the model of true disinterestedness, the bright example of every Patriotic virtue ! Joan of Arc ! Guy Fawkes ! the Chevalier Bayard ! and George Washington in one !!

FRENCHMEN ! VENGEANCE !

Having these persecutions indelibly engraved on our memories, being determined to avenge the wrongs suffered by ourselves and our ancestors, and also to fulfil the great mission of our race on this Continent, we hereby declare it to be our purpose amongst other things.

FIRST :

To propagate over the whole Dominion first, and then over the whole Continent, that ultramontane type of the Catholic religion, which allows no compromise or quarter to heretics, and will burn them as soon as it has the power, after the pattern of the glorious day of St. Bartholomew.

SECOND :

To propagate over the whole Dominion, and especially through Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, the true French pattern of Government, viz., Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity, alternating every few years with the paternal despotism of a strong man or Military Leader of our race. He will coerce rebellious spirits, muzzle the press, shoot down his foes in the streets of Toronto and Montreal, and introduce a *regime* of order, harmony, and tranquility, after the fashion of our lamented hero

NAPOLEON III.

THIRD :

To propagate French ideas of health and hygiene, by which the purifying influence of small-pox shall have full sway over this Continent, unhindered by the mischievous meddling of fanatics, whether of our own race or any other (for even all Frenchmen are not wise in this matter).

NOW THEREFORE :

For the attainment of these and other great objects, we Frenchmen of the French, do hereby bind ourselves together as a League and

PARTI NATIONAL !

for the defence of our race against foreign persecution, and to secure its advancement to a position of

SUPREMACY.

AND AS TO METHODS !

WE ARE AGREED UPON THE FOLLOWING :

FIRST :

That the French language, equally with the English, shall be spoken, and be the official language in all Legislatures, Courts and public offices, whether Governmental or municipal, in every Province of the Dominion, with a view ultimately of its being the sole language authorized.

SECOND :

That the proceedings of the Parliaments of every Province, shall be reported and carried on in both languages.

THIRD :

That the Roman Catholic Church shall have the same rights as to tithe and taxing in all the other Provinces of the Dominion

that she has in the Province of Quebec ; also that the educational system of the whole Dominion be assimilated to that of the same Province.

FOURTH :

We will demand as a right that the Tricolor Flag be displayed on all public buildings in all parts of the Dominion, and particularly over the Parliament buildings and Governor-General's residence at Ottawa, and the Parliament buildings and Lieutenant-Governor's residence in Toronto.

FIFTH :

We will insist on the Prime Minister of the Dominion being a Frenchman, as well as the First Minister of the other Provinces,—though willing, out of consideration to the inferior race, to allow some of the subordinate offices to be filled by an Englishman, Irishman, or Scotchman.

BUT,

Seeing that all English speaking people are members of Orange lodges, and so are deadly enemies of our race, we will reserve the right to withdraw the last permission at our discretion.

SIXTH :

We will require a Crucifix to be set up in every Court House in every Province of the Dominion, and that all witnesses testify upon it, no matter what may be their creed.

SEVENTH :

For the purpose of promoting Commerce between Canada and our Mother Country, we will endeavor to bring about differential duties in favor of all articles exported to or imported from France, together with exclusive bounties to Steamships carrying Mails to a French port.

EIGHTH :

We will pledge ourselves never to speak English in transacting business with one of the inferior race, but to compel them to speak French to us,

This pledge shall extend to our brethren who have emigrated to the United States, and are employed in factories there, in order that our great mission may be accomplished in New England also.

NINTH :

For the purpose of developing and increasing our race in Canada, we will demand large grants of land for colonization, together with liberal subsidies of money to encourage our brave settlers to face the terrors of the wilderness.

(Such grants and subsidies to be exclusively for Frenchmen.)

FINALLY :

We bind ourselves to put aside all thoughts of the welfare of Canada, as such, and to forget, ignore, and cease to think of any interest but that of our race in it.

We will live solely for our mission :—

We will speak and vote in Parliament and elsewhere solely as Frenchmen :—

We will vigilantly watch all financial bills, so as to have clauses introduced to the special advantage of our race.

We will keep this end solely before us in Municipal matters and matters of Commerce and business. In short,

Whether we eat or drink, buy or sell, walk or ride, travel or abide at home, we will never cease to think, speak, work, and pray, for the great cause of French supremacy and domination.

And if it should become necessary to devise such measures as will make Canada (and in time the New England States also), intolerable to all but Frenchmen,—such as fostering small-pox, taxing English properties and English trade corporations, &c.

we will not hesitate to do this, even if it have the effect of destroying our trade, diminishing the value of property, closing factories, and driving away numbers of our own people along with the whole of our enemies.

For what is wealth, what is trade, what are manufactures, what is property, what is temporal prosperity, when weighed in the balance against such a glorious object as the enthronement of our race in Canada ?

Let trade and commerce from the country fly,
But give us only French supremacy.

Let the English abandon their mansions, their warehouses, their banks, their churches, their colleges, their ships ; we will then teach these barbarians a sublime lesson of *insouciance*.

What care we ?

We shall be poverty-stricken, we shall be overwhelmed with debt, but we shall have the country to ourselves !

Then we shall be devout, we shall be independent, we shall be proud, we shall be happy ! ! !

VIVE LA FRANCE !

VICTORY OR DEATH !



